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**ABSTRACT**

In accordance with the present invention, there is provided a method for the treatment of subjects afflicted with steroid or steroid-like hormone-responsive disease states. The invention method comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of a ligand which selectively interacts with the receptor subtype associated with the steroid or steroid-like hormone-responsive disease state, wherein said ligand interacts with said receptor subtype to a significantly greater extent than with other subtypes of the same receptor class.